

No. 4438 號八十三百四千四第 日十二月二十年未辛治同 HONGKONG, MONDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1872. 一拜禮 號九十二月正英 港香

Intimation

VICTORIA REGATTA CLUB.

THE OCEAN RACE for the "Doubtful Challenge Cup" will be sailed **7 DAY**, the 29th instant.

Further particulars will be duly furnished.

R. LYALL,
Honorary Secretary,
73 159 Hongkong, 23rd January, 1872.

WANTED.

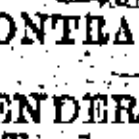
GOOD PORTLAND CEMENT

WILSON & SALWAY Architects
1w 197 Hongkong, 29th January, 1872.

FOR SALE,
At very low rates.

A QUANTITY OF MUSIC belonging to the Estate of the late Signor **HUGO PAUL**.

Apply to
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1m 198 Hongkong, 29th January, 1872.



ARMY CONTRACTS FOR 1872-73.

SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, made outside "Tenders for Army Contracts" will be received by the undersigned until on **MONDAY, the 5th February, 1872**, for quantities of Commissariat and Hospital Supplies, such as Flour, Wheat, Rice, Spirits, Brack and Light, &c., or for the purchase of Barrack and Hospital Services, such as Washing and repairing Bedding, repairing Tents, &c., or for the Cleaning of the Hospitals, &c., at the various Cantonments Hongkong (Victoria, Newellson, and Sand) and other Scavengers' Work, and for Saws, Chimneys, Cleaning and Lighting &c. **Lamp, removing rubbish, &c.**, as may from time to time be required for the use of **His Majesty's Troops, or Service of the War Department** in the Island of Hongkong, or its Outposts during the year from the 1st of April, 1872, to the 31st March, 1873.

Those who wish to compete there, should

by the Control Department will be received on the conditions of Contracts, Plans, Specifications and Appropriate Area as regards the Sowing Contract, and any further information that may be required, can be obtained on application at this office.

O. K. CLEEVE,
Assistant Controller.

Control Office.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1872. 16d

FOR SALE.

Arrived by the French steamer "Meillon"
A LARGE Assortment of PERFUMERS'
EAU DE COLOGNE.
Every kind of SOAP.
Rose POWDER.

Violette POWDER.
Shakespeare COLLARS, and the n
Fashions in French BOOTS for Gentle
DANCE CALENDARS for 1872.
A large Assortment of Japanese GO
and BRONZE, inlaid, or hand.
French Smoking TOBACCO.
Russian CIGARETTES, (Lapormes.)
Turkish TOBACCO, (in tin boxes.)
Paper CIGARETTES.

92, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1872. [1w
WANTED,
To purchase, if cheap,
ONE or TWO CORRUGATED IRON
DOWNS, ready for shipment

Address particulars to X. X., care of
Daily Press Office.
7d 179 Hongkong, 29th January, 1872.

SINGING CLASSES.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN desirous

Joining an **ELEMENTARY SINGING CLASS**, under the direction of Mr. A. SING, will please forward their names to him, care of the *Daily Press Office*.

Also,
Those desirous of forming a **GLEE MADRIGAL CLASS**, will be good enough to forward their names to the same address.

FOR SALE.
MONTILLADO, Superior S4ERRY

A PALE SHERRY, bottled by the
 deigned.
CLARETS, St. Julien and Medoc.
 Sparkling **MOSELLE**.
CHAMPAGNE, G. H. Mumm & Co.
 quality, Extra 1st Do., and Carte Blanche
BRANDY, Hennessy's * and V.F.O.F.

REYNOLDS &
at 160, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1872.

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, 1871-1873.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary **GENERAL MEETING** of the Shareholders of the Society will be held at the Society's Office, Pedder's Street, Hongkong, on **FRIDAY, the 16th day of February** next, at **three o'clock P.M.**, for the purpose of con-

By order of the Board,
N. J. EDE
Secretary
49d 12 Hongkong, 30th December, 1872

WANTED.
A SITUATION in a Mercantile Office
Bank at any of the Ports of China, Shi-
hai or Yokohama - preferable, by one who
has great experience as a Book-keeper; writes a
hand, and can undertake corresponding or

Apply to E. V. O., care of the Editor of
Daily Press,
at 1708 Hongkong, 6th October, 1871.

Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES per O. S. S. Co.'s steamer "*Serpelon*," are hereby notified that cargo is being discharged into Craft, "in at the Godowns of the undersigned, in cases it will lie at Consignees risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown after the 25th Instant. 1892.

Goods undelivered after 1st February,
will be subject to Rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
7d 158 Hongkong, 26th January, 1872

S. S. HONGKONG, FROM LONDON,
NANG AND SINGAPORE.
CONSIGNEES of goods by the a
Steamer are hereby notified that
Cargo is being discharged, landed, and st
at their risk, into the Godowns of the Un
signed, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods remaining in store after the 2nd
February will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-
less early intimation is received from the Owners
requiring them to be landed here.
Consignees are requested to send in their
Bills of Lading to

SIEMSEN & CO
189 Hongkong, January 25th, 1872.
BRITISH SHIP NORTHFLEET, FROM
LONDON.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above v.
are requested to send in their Bills

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
ture, and to take immediate delivery of the
Goods:
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignee's
and expense.

GILMAN & CO

tf 167 Hongkong, 23rd January, 1872.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from the 1st page.)

The Spanish steamer *Amoy* reports left Manila on the 17th January, bound to Amoy, had to put into this port to repair boilers, not being able to carry enough steam against a strong N.E. monsoon and high sea.

The N. G. bark *Paradise* reports left Chefoo on the 20th Jan., had strong N.E. wind on 1st wing port with light sea the first three days; on strong N.E. monsoon and tremendous heavy sea the rest of the passage, till off Swatow, when moderate till arrival.

The North German bark *Anna Dorothea* reports left Shanghai 21st January, bound to Whampoa, experienced strong N.E. monsoon and high sea till arrival on the morning of January 27th.

The British schooner *Giadola* reports left Saigon 6th January, and Cape St. James on the 7th, had strong N.E. monsoon and high sea throughout the passage, passed a large ship beating up, name unknown.

The American steamer *Luzon* reports left Chefoo on 19th January, had strong N.W. winds the first part of passage, and the latter part strong N.E. monsoon with high sea and very thick weather.

The French bark *Antares* reports left Saigon on 14th January, and Cape St. James 16th, had strong breeze from the N.W. on leaving port to the 19th, when experienced a heavy sea from the N.W. with a tremendous high sea; then strong breeze from the N.E. and N.N.E. with a high sea to the 24th; then had a N.E. gale, with under close reefed top sails. The rest of the passage moderate weather but thick and rainy till arrival.

A SORTIE FROM PARIS. (Army and Navy Gazette.)

M. Thiers has been brooding the troops round Paris, which are now engaged like "Philly's" warriors on, in fighting all their battles "en arriere." The other day there was a complete representation of the last sortie made by the Gariboldi on the 19th January, minus the gunpowder. The business of the day, says a Paris contemporary, was to make the famous sortie succeed, that sortie which filled Versailles with terror, and forced the Emperor William to pick up his trunk. The movement of troops, a battle perfectly executed, and the troops and the batteries with the desired amount of dash, sang between their teeth the famous air of Offenbach's "Carmen."

The officers smiled. It is a pity that General Trochu was not present to witness how the thing might have been managed with a little politeness on the part of the enemy.

SIR SYDNEY DACKES ON THE NAVY. At the annual dinner of the Scottish Hospital Corporation, at the Freemasons' Tavern, in reply for the Navy, Admiral Sir Sydney Dackes, said he had great pleasure in acknowledging the compliments on the part of the Navy, having spent half a century in the service, which he was glad to think was always rewarded with kindness and gentleness from the assemblies of his fellow-countrymen. We were living in times of great changes. We had new ships, new guns, and he might even say new men. He did not mean to say that our men had altered in their qualities, but that a great change had occurred in their mode of sailing. A sailor was now a thinking, discreet, steady, moral person, as compared with what he was in his time. This was entirely owing to the change of education, and this fact he was sure would be fully appreciated by the present company. He might give an example. They were now educating nearly 4,000 boys for the Navy; and whatever grumble might say—for sailors were always grumblers—a laugh he believed the Navy was now in as good a state as ever it was in the world. (Cheers.) If the personnel of the Navy was as good as ever it was, our ships and our guns were a great deal better than they ever were, and if these three propositions were correct, they need not fear the result of the Navy were called upon to do their duty. (Cheers.) He begged to thank them for the kind manner in which the toast of the Navy had been received.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

The drug market has kept quiet but steady during the last week. The following are the ruling prices of this morning: Patna, \$690 to \$692, cash and credit; Benares, \$672 to \$674, cash and credit; Patna new, 1st sales on time, \$705; Patna old, 1st sales on time, \$697 to \$700; Patna, 2nd sales on credit, \$697 to \$700; Patna, 3rd sales on credit, \$697 to \$700. Bank Shares—Little firm; sales of which have been made at 64½ per cent. and 62½ per cent. for cash, and of old for end of February at 67 per cent. Shares have been all improved. Hongkong Shares have changed hands at \$75 for cash, and \$80 for 10th February. China Shares steady at 62 and 63, and at 64 to 65. Siam-bank are dull, with sellers at 52½ to 53. There is nothing doing in S. N. Co. or China and Japan Co. Stock Shares are inquired after at 50 per cent. discount. Sugar Shares, are much neglected at \$25 per share discount.

SHEARS.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old—64½ per cent. premium.

Hongkong Bank Shares, New—62 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares—\$1,500 per share premium.

China Traders Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,500 per share premium, ex div.

China and Japan Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,500 per share premium, ex div.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$130 per share premium.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$85 per share premium.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$85 per share premium.

Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$85 per share premium.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—27 per cent. discount.

Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—32½ per cent. premium.

Shanghai Navigation Company—11s. 16s. per share.

China Sea, Saigon, and Straits Steamship Company—5 per cent. discount.

China and Straits Steam Navigation Company—25 per cent. discount.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$85 per share.

Hongkong Distillery Company's Shares—10 per cent. premium.

Iodo-Chinese Sugar Company—\$25 per share discount.

Hongkong Fire and Godown Company—\$10 to 9 per share discount.

EXCHANGE.

On London—At 30 days' sight—4/8.

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight—4/8.

Credit, at 6 months' sight—4/8.

Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight—4/8.

Bank Bills, on demand—4/8.

On New York—Private, 3 days' sight—21/4.

On Bombay—Bank, 3 days' sight—21/4.

On Calcutta—Bank, 3 days' sight—21/4.

On Shanghai—Bank, 3 days' sight—21/4.

Bank, 15 days' sight—21/4.

Private, 30 days' sight—21/4.

On Hongkong—At 30 days' sight—21/4.

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight—21/4.

Credit, at 6 months' sight—21/4.

Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight—21/4.

Bank Bills, on demand—21/4.

On New York—Private, 3 days' sight—21/4.

On Bombay—Bank, 3 days' sight—21/4.

On Calcutta—Bank, 3 days' sight—21/4.

On Shanghai—Bank, 3 days' sight—21/4.

Bank, 15 days' sight—21/4.

Private, 30 days' sight—21/4.

On Hongkong—At 30 days' sight—21/4.

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight—21/4.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

(Continued from the 1st page.)

MR. OSCAR HARTMANN, having withdrawn from our firm by mutual consent, his interest and responsibility therein terminated on the 31st December, 1871.

The business will be continued under the same name and style as before.

MR. F. W. HUBNER and Mr. E. HERRMANN, from this day admitted as partners in our firm.

LEHMANN HARTMANN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

THE undersigned have mutually entered into partnership as House and Land Agents, and Collectors of Debts, &c., under the firm of BARRINGTON & ALGAI.

Points for Rent, and all Money procured on Mortgage, in all districts connected with the above business the public may rely on due attention being given.

W. BARRINGTON.

THOS. ALGAI.

144 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

Office removed from No. 47, Wyndham Street, to the Store of Messrs. F. BLACKHEAD & Co., Queen's Road West.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have this day commenced business as Merchants and Commission Agents in Saigon.

ALEX. GAIR & Co.

Saigon, 12th January, 1872.

NOTICE.

MR. H. SEYMOUR GRAY, Mr. THOMAS PINE, and Mr. JOHN P. SEAMAN, Jr., are this day admitted partners in our firm in Hongkong and China.

OLYPHEANT & Co.

1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

NOTICE.

MR. CARL ROBERT MEUSER is this day admitted a partner in our firm at Hongkong and at Canton.

EDWARD MEUSER & Co.

37 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM REINERS is authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.

MEYER & Co.

3a 3 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. F. DECKERT in our firm ceased on the 31st December, 1871, by mutual consent.

Hongkong and China, 1st January, 1872.

Im 41 BOURJAU, HUBNER & Co.

THE business hitherto carried on at this port under the firm of DECKERT & Co. will from this date be conducted under the style or firm of

DIROKS & KRUGER.

All outstanding accounts of the old firm will be liquidated by Mr. HENRI DIROKS, who will sign the firm in liquidation.

DIROKS & Co.

Im 5 Swatow, 1st January, 1872.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. J. MURRAY FORBES in our firm have ceased. Mr. FREDERICK DELANEY and Mr. HENRY DEVEREUX FORBES are admitted partners in our firm from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Im 16 China, January 1st, 1872.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. JULIUS MENGE in our firm ceased on the 31st of December, 1871.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong and China, 1st January, 1872.

THE undersigned have established themselves as Merchants and Commission Agents at this port, under the firm style of FREDWIN & Co.

HENRY FREDWIN.

WARD HERTON.

17 Swatow, January 1st, 1872.

THE Partnership of HUTCHINGS and CAMPBELL has been dissolved by Mutual consent.

FRANCIS HUTCHINGS.

FRANCIS CAMPBELL.

3a 2125 Swatow, 7th December, 1871.

MR. THOMAS PICKERING DROWN is a partner in my business from this day, which will in future be conducted under the style or firm of D. VINCENT & Co.

E. VINCENT.

1676 Swatow, 2nd October, 1871.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY MOORE and Mr. LAMBERT ATKINSON have this day been admitted partners in our firm.

LAMBERT ATKINSON & Co.

1238 Hongkong, 30th June, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM ABBOTT TURNBULL is authorized to sign our firm from this date.

BIRLEY, WORTHINGTON & Co.

629 Shanghai, 1st May, 1871.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. J. A. KOCK in our firm, ceased on the 28th of July by mutual consent, and we shall carry on our business, as hitherto, under the same style.

J. SATH & Co.

1410 Chefoo, 6th August, 1871.

DENT & CO'S ESTATE.

A FOURTH DIVIDEND of Two per cent. on all Claims against the above Estate as reported by the Liquidator, to be paid at their Office, No. 7, Pedder's Hill, on the First Day of August, next.

1100 Hongkong, 27th June, 1871.

W. COLLINS.

G. SHIP CHANDLER.

Shipping supplied on most reasonable terms.

3a 45.

NOTICE.

FORMERLY Messrs. Dent & Co. were possessed of three lots of ground, situated on the western suburb of Canton, on the north of the Sham Shan Canal, and known respectively as the "Lot in front of the Sham Shan Canal," the "Lot in front of the Sham Shan Canal," and the "Lot in front of the Sham Shan Canal." These three lots of ground had been leased by Messrs. Dent & Co. to one J. C. Moore, Jr., subsequently, by the above three lots of ground, and the lease was granted, the Trustees of Messrs. Dent & Co. cancelled the lease, and such cancellation has been duly registered, and the said J. C. Moore, Jr. has been expelled from the premises. All these circumstances appear in the official records.

Notice is hereby given, that through Messrs. GARDNER and BAZZANO, solicitors, and Mr. J. F. BAZZANO, collector, the above three lots of ground have, on the 16th day of the 11th month of the 10th year, Tong-chee, (27th December, 1871) been sold and assigned over to the undersigned. The purchase money for the said three lots of ground, and all the title deeds and plans, formerly held by Messrs. Dent & Co.'s Trustees, have been made over to them. Furthermore the whole matter having been referred to the Hon. the Magistrate, by His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton, the said Magistrate has reported the facts to His Excellency the Viceroy of the Two Kwangs, and has issued a proclamation stating that the undersigned have lawfully become possessed of the property as purchasers, and that they are permitted to build tenements thereon, for the purpose of letting, and otherwise to exercise the complete ownership and control thereof, and accordingly that they shall have perpetual possession of the same. This will also be found in official records.

The above transaction, therefore, having been completed, and the said three lots of ground, and all the title deeds and plans, placed in our official record, it is clearly a case of bona fide purchase, and notice of the same is hereby given to all parties who may have any claims against the said three lots of ground.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1872.

Im 123.

YOW WO TONG.

TRUBNER & Co.,

60, PRINCE STREET, ROW,

"DAILY PRESS" OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED.
LONDON via SUEZ CANAL.	Patricius (str.)	Doan	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire.	On or about 1st February.
NEW YORK.	Agra.	Miller	Hongkong	Yong, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Intrepid.	Dunbar	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SAN FRANCISCO.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MARILLA.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Sing Sing.	Quick dispatch.
SAIGON.	Volga (str.)	Roper	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Quick dispatch.
YOKOHAMA.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick dispatch.
SHANGHAI.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick dispatch.
POOHOW.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick dispatch.
POOHOW AND SHANGHAI.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick dispatch.
STOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick dispatch.
SWATOW, AMOY & POOHOW.	Albany (str.)	Thibault	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes.	Quick dispatch.

For Sale.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

SAYLE & CO.

SILK MERCHANTS, TAILORS, & GENERAL WAREHOUSEMEN.

Solicitors for the undermentioned Goods for their Autumn and Winter Season.

Black and Blue BROAD CLOTHS.

MELTONS, BEAVERS, WINNERS AND NAPS.

3/4 and 6/4 Tweed COATINGS.

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PAJAMAS and DRESSING GOWNS.

Gentlemen's HOSIERY.

In Cotton, Merino or Lambwool.

Comprising SOCKS, UNDER VESTS, and PANTS.

Cardigan JACKETS and VESTS.

Cotton and Linen SHEETINGS.

Damask NAKKINS and CLOTHS, all sizes.

LONG CLOTH and CRIMBEAN SHIRTS, all qualities.

The New Twist OIL SHIRT.

The latest styles in made up TIES and SCARVES.

Linon and Paper COLLARS.

Silk, Cotton, and Wool MUFFLERS.

FELT HATS, in Black, Dumb and Brown.

Drab Felt and Black Paris HATS.

UMBRELLAS and WALKING STICKS.

SOAP and PERFUMERY.

TAILORING in all its branches, under the superintendence of experienced CUTTERS.

Our FURNISHING DEPARTMENT contains the largest and best assorted STOCK we have ever offered, comprising:

Tapestry, Brussels and Velvet PILLOW CASES.

RUGS to match the above.

Heath RUGS and Sofa CARPETS.

Printed FELTS, in squares or by the yard.

DAMASK and BEPS, in the leading colors.

A large assortment of FRINGES and TRIMMINGS.

Embroidered, Printed and Velvet Felt TABLE COVERS.

Oil MATS and MATTING.

FLOOR CLOTHS.

Mahogany and Brass Ornate POLES.

White and Colored BLANKETS.

Bed QUILTS.

Lace CURTAINS and ANTI-MACASSARS.

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Carrriage and Travelling ROGS.

PORTMANTEAUS.

For Ladies' Advertisement see To-morrow's Issue.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT.

Corner of Nathan and Seachuen Road, SHANGHAI.

FOR SALE.

W. SCHMIDT & Co. have received by late arrival a very fine Assortment of BRASS-LOADING and CARTRIDGE BELTS, also, complete LOADING APPARATUS for same, and LEATHER CARTRIDGE BELTS, &c., &c.

143 Hongkong, 24th January, 1872.

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE.

YVETTE CLICQUOT-POUSSARDIN, REIMS.

In Cases of 3 Con. Quarts, and 2 doz. Pints.

SANDER & Co.

Sole Agents for China, Japan and Manila.

1211 Hongkong, 15th December, 1871.

Extracts.

Mr. Forster's Life of Dickens.

(Continued.)

At this time the whole family, except Charles and an elder sister, were domiciled at the Marshalls, he boarding with a "reduced old lady, who served him as the model of Mrs. Pipchin." Dickens's reference to this portion of his life is deeply pathetic. "I was a poor, wretched, and penniless boy, in a penny cottage (and a pennyworth of milk I provided for myself. I kept another small loaf and a quarter of a pound of cheese, on a particular shelf of a particular cupboard, to make my supper on when I came back at night). They made a hole in the floor seven shillings, I know well; and I was out at the blacking, my exclusive breakfast, and had to support myself on that money all the week. I suppose my lodging was paid for by my father. I certainly did not pay it myself; and I certainly had no other assistance whatever (the making of my clothes, I think, excepted) from Monday morning until Saturday night. No advice, no counsel, no encouragement, no consolation, no sympathy, and no one that I can call to mind, to help me do."

"Sundays, Fanny and I passed in the prison. I was at the academy in Tonderden-street, Hanover-square, at nine o'clock in the morning, to fetch her; and we walked back there together, at night."

"I was so young and childish, and so little good for anything, that he otherwise—to quote the words of a noble character of my own existence, that, in going to Hungerford-stairs of a morning, I could not resist the stale pastry put out at half-price on trays at the confectioners' doors in Tottenham-court-road; and I often spent in that little money I should have for my dinner. Then I went without my dinner, or bought a roll, or a slice of pudding, and ate it up at the confectioners' shops between which I was divided, according to my finances. One was in a court close to St. Martin's Church (at the back of the church), which is now removed altogether. The pudding at that shop was made with currants, and was rather a special pudding but was dear, two penny worth not being larger than the others; and the other was in the Strand. A good shop for the latter was in the Strand, somewhere near where the Leather Arcade is now. It was a stout, bald pudding, heavy and flabby, with great raisins in it, struck in whole at great distance apart. It came up hot, at about noon, every day, and many and many a day did I die off it."

"I had half an hour, I think, for tea. I went to a coffee-shop, and I used to go to a coffee-shop, and have half a pint of coffee, and a slice of bread and butter. When I had no money, I took a turn in Covent-garden Market, and stared at the pine apples. The coffee-shops to which I most resorted were, one in Maiden-lane; one in a court (non-existent now) close to Hungerford-stairs; and one in a lane of little width of which I only recollect that it stood near the church, and that in the door there was an oval glass-plate, with 'Coffee Room' painted on it, addressed towards the street. If I ever find myself a very different kind of coffee room now, but where there is such an inscription on glass, and read it, because on the wrong side 'Moor-coffee' (as it used to be called in a London coffee-house), a shock goes through my blood."

"I know I do not exaggerate, unconsciously and unintentionally, the scantiness of my resources, and the difficulties of my life. I know that if a shilling or so were given me by any one I spent it in a dinner or a tea. I know that I worked, from morning to night, at my mother's and sister's dresses, and I know that I tried, but ineffectually, not to anticipate my money, and to make it last the week through; by putting it away in a drawer I had in the counting-house, wrapped into six little parcels, each parcel containing the same amount, and labelled with a different day. I know that I have longed about the streets, insufficiently and unsatisfactorily fed, and that I have often been tempted to beg, might easily have been for any cure that was taken of me, a little robber or a little vagabond."

At last, after a fearful romance with his father, a bark attack was found for him in Lant-street, in the Borough (where Bob Sawyer afterwards lived), which he thought was a cure; and that, when he would breakfast in the Marshalls, which was not his home. Things were more comfortable there, he declares, than they had been for a long time before; and here it was where doubtless he first saw Mr. Mivins, Mr. Snangle, Mr. Roker, and the rest of those immortal prisoners. The maid of all-work who attended on the family was the original of the "old woman" in *David Copperfield*; her household appeared again as the Garlands, in the "Old Curiosity Shop."

For a whole year or more this tender and delicate child of ten years endured the horrible drudgery at the blacking manufactory, and he could never bear in after-life to think of it without pain. In the paper in which he recalls this painful passage in his history we find the following words:

"From that hour until this my father and my mother have been stricken dumb upon it. I have never heard the least allusion to it, however far off and remote, from either of them. I have never until I now impart it to this paper, in any burst of confidence with any one, my mother, my sister, or my father. When I then dropped, thank God, until old Hungerford Market was pulled down, until old Hungerford Stairs were destroyed, and the very nature of the ground changed, I never had the courage to go back to the ground where my servitude began. I never saw it. I could not endure to go near it. For many years, when I came back to Robert Warren's, and when I was in the neighbourhood of the side of the way, to avoid a certain smell of the cement they put upon the blacking works, which reminded me of what I was once. It was a very long time before I liked to go up Chandos-street. My old way home by the Borough made me cry, after my eldest child could speak. In my walks at night I have walked over often, since then, and by degrees I have been able to write, and I do not seem a tittle of what I might have written, or of what I meant to write."

Mr. Forster not uncharitably dwells upon these early trials of Charles Dickens as tending to influence his whole life in after years.

"What at once brought out of the humiliation that had impressed him so deeply, though scarcely as yet fully consciously, was a letter from his father, dated 1834, in which he still is in store for him, sharpened by what he had gone through; and this, though in its effect for the present imperfectly understood, became by degrees a passionate resolve, even while he was yielding to circumstances, not to be what circumstances were, conspiring to make him. That was involved in what was his father's and his mother's letter, and he knew to him at the time; but it was plain enough later, as we see, and in conversation with me, after the revelation was made, he used to find, at extreme points in his life, the explanation of himself in those early trials. He had derived great good from them, but not without alloy. The fixed and eager determination, the intense and restless energy, which opened to him opportunities to escape from many mean environments, not by turning on from any path of duty, but by resolutely rising to such excellence or distinction as might be attainable in it, brought with it some disadvantages among many great advantages. Of this he was himself aware, but he never said so. He knew that it was that society made him often uneasy, shrinking, and over-sensitive he knew, but all the danger he ran in bearing down and over-

the feeling he did not know. A too great confidence in himself—a sense that everything was possible to the will that would make it so, laid occasionally upon him self-imposed burdens greater than might be borne by any one with sanity. In that direction, however, he was such a child, that even hard and aggressive, in his determinations a something that had almost the tone of fierceness; something in his nature that made his resolves insuperable; however lastly the opinion on which they had been formed. So rare were those manifestations, however, and so little did they prejudice him, that he was only rarely provoked as it was at all times, ardent and impetuous, that only very infrequently towards the close of the middle term of a friendship which lasted without the interruption of a day for more than three and thirty years, were they ever presented unfavourably to me. But these they were; and when I have seen strangely present, in such a case, the same stern and sternly determined self-reliance side by side with a susceptibility almost feminine, and the most eager craving for sympathy, it has seemed to me as though his habitual impulses for everything kind and gentle had sunk, for the time, under a sudden hard and inexorable sense of what fate had dealt to him in those early years, and that the stern side of "even old, ill-tempered, child, that I have found come back in the never to be forgotten misery of this later time."

That there was positive good gathered by Dickens, both as regards his moral and his intellectual nature, out of this rough training, and that the stern side of "even old, ill-tempered, child" was laid the foundation of that quiet sympathy with human misery and with the cause of the poor which gave so keen an edge to his genius, and which was the secret of most of his popularity. What he described he drew not from imagination alone but from reality. As Mr. Forster well says, "They were not his clients and his clients' troubles were not his; he was a humorist, and on whose side he got the laughter and tears of all the world, but, in some sort, his very self. Nor was it a small part of this manifold advantage that he should have obtained his experience as a child and not as a man; that only the good part, the flower and fruit of it," was plucked by him, and that, in the making of the evil part, the seed of his early, which was planted, remained to soil him." To this intimate and peculiar knowledge derived from his early experience in the battle of life Dickens was, doubtless indebted for much of the success of the creations of his fertile genius. It was nature which was the school wherein he studied, and, sooth to say, he had very early, and in a manner, a sense of the world, and in 12 and 15 he did indeed receive some self-sustaining schooling, of which he has himself given an account, somewhat too flattering, in his school-fellows say, in his published works. But at 15 we find him again occupied in learning his living as a clerk in an attorney's office, a position which was chiefly of use to him afterwards in giving him hints of the character of the men with whom he was to deal. At 17 he fell in love, and went through the Dorn experience—with this difference, that his Dorn married somebody else, and lived long, surviving in fact to all times in Dorn in "Little Dorrit." At 19, having previously studied hard to acquire the art of shorthand writing, Dickens entered the reporters' gallery in the House of Commons, where his first literary work, the "Sketches of Boz," was published. His first parliamentary service was given to the *True Sun*—a humorous which has long since met. Afterwards for two sessions he was "an" of the *Mirror of Parliament*, originated and conducted by one of his paternal uncles; and, finally, in his 23rd year he joined the *Morning Chronicle*. In 1840 he was married, and already made his first essay in literature, in the *Morning Chronicle*, called "Mrs. Joseph Porter Over the Way." To the whole of this portion of his life, however, has been so fully dwelt upon by himself in his writings and speeches that we need not linger over it. A detailed story of his rise to fame and popularity in literature. His sketches in the *Monthly Magazine* led to a permanent engagement on the *Evening Chronicle*, where the greater part of what was afterwards his first book appeared. It was followed quickly by the first number of "Pickwick"—the subsequent history of which is part of the history of the *Morning Chronicle*. The book was so popular that the most striking evidence of the fact that whereas of Part 1 the binder had prepared four hundred copies, of Part 15 the order was for more than forty thousand. From this period the success of the new candidate for popularity was assured. With a rapidity of which there is scarcely any parallel, the *Pickwick* was so successful that it was concluded to "Oliver Twist," the "Nicholas Nickleby." In fact, so exuberant was the energy of the young author that the critics already began, before his 27th year, to predict that he would wear himself out—that the most amiable of critics, John Wilson Croker, declaring in the *Quarterly* that Dickens "had gone up like a rocket and would come down like a meteor."

Of this portion of Dickens's life, his dealings with the publishers, and the question of his various books, Mr. Forster writes pleasantly and intelligently. The manner in which Dickens was accustomed to identify himself with his own creations is shown by the following record of his feelings when approaching the climax of the "Old Curiosity Shop": "I never knew him wind up any tale with such a sorrowful reluctance. He was taught at any excuse to hold his hand from it, and stretched to the utmost limit the time to complete it in. Christmas interposed its delays, too, so that 'Twelfth Night' had come and gone when I wrote to him in the belief that he was nearly done. "Done!" he wrote back to me on Friday, the 7th. How!! I said, you shall not be done till Wednesday night, or I will not let you go. Of this part of the story is not to be galloped over, I can tell you. I think it will come more than I am the wretchedest of the wretched. It casts the most horrible shadow upon me, and it is as much as I can do to be now moving at all. I tremble to approach it, and I place a great deal more than Kik; a great deal more than Kik; a great deal more than the Single Gentleman. I shall never recover it for a long time. Nobody will miss me for I shall. It is such a very painful memory to me that I really cannot express my sorrow. Old wounds bleed afresh when I try to think of the way of doing it, what the fatal doing of it will be, God knows. I can't express myself the schoolmaster's consolations. I think you should."

The letters, of which extracts are judiciously given, illustrating this and other points of Dickens's character, are among the most valuable portions of Mr. Forster's book, and are abundant in all the qualities of the master's humour, and display him in his private life in the most amiable light. Our space will not permit us to give more quotations, but the description of the death of "Boz," as told by his owner is too good to be omitted:—"You will be greatly shocked (the letter is dated Friday evening, March 12th, 1841)

and grieved to hear that the raven is now
here. He expired to-day, at six minutes
after twelve o'clock at noon. He had been
ailing for a few days; but we anticipated no
serious result, conjecturing that a portion of
the white paint he swallowed last summer
might have been the cause of his illness. Without
having any serious effect upon his constitu-
tion. Yesterday afternoon he was taken no
much worse than I sent an express for the
medical gentleman (Mr. Herring), who
gave him a dose of castor oil. Under the influence
of this medicine he recovered so far as to be
able to sit up at eight o'clock p.m.: His "tapping"
this night was necessitated. This morning at
break he appeared better; received
(agreeably to the doctor's directions) another
dose of castor oil; and partook plentifully of
some warm gruel, the flavour of which he
appeared to relish. Towards eleven o'clock
he was so much worse that it was found
necessary to muffle the stable knocker.
At half-past two, however, he was heard
talking to himself about the horse and
"tapping's" family, and to add some inco-
herent expressions which are supposed to
have been either a forbidding of his ap-
proaching dissolution or some wishes relative
to the disposal of his little property: con-
sisting chiefly of half-pence which he had
acquired in different parts of his travels without
being able to get them changed. He appeared deeply
mortified, but he soon recovered, walked twice
or thrice along the coach-house, stopped to
smoke, staggered, exclaimed "Halloo old
girl!" (his favourite expression), and died."
In 1841, Dickens sailed for America, in
his latter character and books. A mark on
his forehead, which he wore, was heard of
afterwards. Even after the "Notes" and
"Martin Chuzzlewit." Strongly impressed
as he was with admiration of many points in
the American character, Dickens is, in his
corroborative letters, even less disposed to bow
down before the image of the republican than
in his books. In one place he avers roundly,
"I don't like the country. It is all wrong."
His next words were, "The passages like
the following are interesting, as early sketches
of Jefferson Brink and the heroes of
"Martin Chuzzlewit":—

"I think I formerly made a casual remark
to you touching the precocity of the youth
of this country. When we changed horses
on this journey I got down to scratch my
fingers, and watered the glass of whiskey
with water and shake the top off my great
coat—for it was raining very heavily, and
continued to do so all night. Mounting to
my seat again, I observed something lying
on the roof of the coach, which I took to be
rather large fiddle in a brown bag. In the
course of ten miles or so, however, I dis-
covered that it had a pair of dirty shoes at
its end, and that the glove of the man who
thereupon observation demonstrated it to be a
small boy, in a buff-coloured coat, with his
hands quite pinioned to his sides by deep
cording into his pockets. He was, I presume,
relative or friend of the coachman's, as he
lay a top of the luggage, with his face to the
rear; and, except when a change of position
brought his shoes in contact with my hat,
he never stirred. The fellow, I said, who told
me that he was a brother of the coachman, was
not intended to water the horses, but two mil-
lions of Harriehurgh, this thing slowly unex-
ceeded itself to the height of three feet eight, and
mixing its eyes on me with a mingled expres-
sion of complacency, patronage, national in-
dependence, and sympathy for all other bar-
barians and foreigners, said, in shrill piping
accents, that he was now, stranger, going to
show me the most likely place where I might
find the strongest like of the American navy."
It is unnecessary to say that you trusted
to his blood."

At Washington, a general also calls upon
Dickens, with two literary ladies, "the two
L. L.'s," he says, being ambitious of a per-
sonal interview. "He is, perhaps," writes
Dickens, "the most horrible bore in this
country, and a good series of the other, say
that I do not believe there are on the whole
half a dozen besides so many intemperate, bored as in
these United States. No one can form an
adequate idea of the meaning of the word
without coming here. * * *

This, the first volume of Mr. Forster's
biography, closes with the return of Dickens
from America, including the first thirty
pages of our author's life. The second vol-
ume of our author's life, equal the first volume
excellence, no more satisfactory record of
Dickens's career can be looked for, at least in
our generation. The only faults we have to
note in Mr. Forster's performance are cer-
tain tricks of style which render his meaning
sometimes obscure, and perhaps too great a
diffuseness in the narration of simple things.
But if such are the faults, the book is indisput-
ably creditable to his taste and judgment, and is
undoubtedly of an extended popularity.

Insurances.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future
for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Exceeding 10 days, { of the annual rate.
do. do. }
above 1 month and not { do. do.
exceeding 3 months, } do. do.
above 3 months and not { do. do.
exceeding 6 months, } do. do.

Agents THE QUEEN, LYALL & Co.,
242, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

NB! further notice the following Annual
Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance
detached & semi-detached Dwell-
ing Houses removed from town, { per cent.
and their contents. }
dwelling Houses, used strictly { per cent.
as such, and their contents. }
Shops, Offices, Godowns, and their { per cent.
contents. }

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents, General Agents for the Imperial Fire Insurance Company
8 & 4, Hongkong, 7th March, 1868.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The annual rates for Fire Insurance on the
various classes of Buildings and their con-
tents will remain as follows until further no-
tice, viz:—
detached and semi-detached
dwellings removed from town, { per cent.
and their contents. }
dwelling Houses (strictly re-
sided in) and their contents { per cent.
Godowns and their { per cent.

Other Risks by Special arrangement.

The following rates will be charged for
SHORT PERIOD Policies:—
Exceeding 10 days { per cent.
No. 1 Not exceeding 1 month { per cent.
No. 2 Above 1 month, and not { per cent.
exceeding 3 months, and not { per cent.
No. 3 Above 3 months, and not { per cent.
exceeding 6 months, and not { per cent.

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
1793 Hong Kong, 15th September, 1868.

HONGKONG AND CHINESE MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.
137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned is authorised to accept
risks on behalf of this Office, by First
Class Steamers and Sailships.

A. MCIVER, Agent,
of Hongkong, late July, 1867.

CENTINX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents to the above Company at this
place, are prepared to grant Policies against
risks to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings, or
Goods stored therein.

J. M. GUTHRIE, Agent,
of Hongkong, 24th November, 1868.

Insurances.

DESDEN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR SEA, RIVER, AND LAND TRANSPORT.
DESDEN.
The undersigned having been appointed General Agents for China for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies of Insurance at the current rates of premium.
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
General Agents in China.
No 2193 Hongkong, 15th December, 1871.

NOTICE.
IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged **SHORT PERIOD** Insurances, viz—
Not exceeding Ten days of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month of the annual rate
Not exceeding 3 months " "
Not exceeding 6 months " "
Not exceeding 1 year of the annual rate
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
of 606 Hongkong, 15th August, 1869.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 750,000 TAELS.
POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.
In addition to the usual Brokerage, this Association now returns to all policy holders One-third of the surplus profits on Insurance business provided pro rata to the premium proportion contributed.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Of 1069 Hongkong, 26th December, 1870.

THE LIVERPOOL AND BOMBAY TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.
The undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Office, are prepared to grant Policies against Marine Risks at current rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Of 777 Hongkong, 25th April, 1870.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION BY ROYAL CHARTER.
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST,
A.D. 1750.
The undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.
FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.
LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 in renewable term.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Of 1627 Hongkong, 1st November, 1870.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, Apr 4, 1871.
COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES.
Société anonyme libre au Capital de 6,000,000 de francs par quart versé.
This Company, being associated for purposes of Marine Insurance in the Far East, with the
LYONS FRANCAIS, Capital of 6,000,000 frs.,
And Agents of the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire at current rates.
CAPITAUX MARTIMES.
D'Assurance de..... 6,000,000 frs.
Offers to the Assured the Security of a collective Capital of 7,000,000 frs.
Agencies established, and Policies made payable in Lyons, Paris, London, Marseilles, Calcutta, Bombay, Yokohama, Hongkong, and Shanghai.
The undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above-named Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, foreign or coastwise, at current rates.
Of 1377 Hongkong, 23rd July, 1870.
-CHAMBERLAIN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.
[INCORPORATED 1859.]
CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.
MACKENZIE HEARD & Co.,
Agents of 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

THE GUARDIAN LIFE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
No. 1, Lombard Street, LONDON, E.C.
Established 1821.
And empowered by special Acts of Parliament, authorized Capital £2,000,000, Sterling.
Total invested Funds upwards of 2,750,000 " "
Annual Income " " 320,000 " "
The Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to take risks against Fire, on the usual terms.
OLYPHANT & Co.,
Of 2317 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

UNIVERSAL - MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, (OF LONDON).
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Office, are prepared to accept Marine Risks at current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Of 437 Hongkong, 9th March, 1871.

SEA VIA SEA AND RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against risks at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Of 1023 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on **SHORT PERIOD** Insurances, viz—
Not exceeding 1 month of the annual rate
Not exceeding 3 months " "
Not exceeding 6 months " "
Not exceeding 1 year of the annual rate.
GILMAN & Co., Agents,
North British & Mercantile Insurance Company,
Of 696 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
Attached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, per annum.
Wellington Houses used strictly as such, and their contents, } 1 percent.
Downs, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents, } 1 percent.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company,
Of 288 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE SURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY IN MARINE INSURANCE.
Paid up Capital—\$500,000.00.
The Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.
OLYPHANT & Co.,
Of 1222 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1869.

Insurance.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Amoy, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.
12 1888 HONGKONG, 22nd January 1870.

THE QUEEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY
CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or Goods stored on board.

NORTHON, LYALL & CO.
11 241 Hongkong, 22nd January 1870.

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